

Business Gateway Definition of Compliance Assistance:

Compliance Assistance is defined as information that helps businesses understand their obligations under existing federal laws and regulations with a special focus on newer laws and regulations. Business.gov's compliance assistance will focus on mandatory, government-enforced regulations.

In Scope:

- Voluntary programs (e.g. EPA) or other information that helps businesses "go beyond" compliance to satisfy agency strategic goals (e.g. EPA)
- SEC regulatory information
- DOC, FCC marketing/communications/advertising regulatory information
- Sarbanes-Oxley
- FTC or other agency "tips" for businesses
- How-to guides to be a "benefit provider" (e.g. HUD section 8 applicants)
- Import/export regulatory information (e.g. firearms, explosives)
- Pensions, 401(K)

For SBPRA Purposes:

- General advice to businesses
- Grants
- Procurement/contracting
- Patents and Trademarks
- Torts
- Judicial system
- Loan Applications
- Benefits
- Individual visa/passport applications

Note: the term "businesses" will include, but not be limited to, C-Corporations, S-Corporations, non-profits, not-for-profits, LLCs, LLPs, faith-based or labor organizations, Political Action Committees (PAC), Sole Proprietor (schedule C), 501c, Farms (USDA), and Fisheries (NOAA)

Note: "Going beyond" may seem contradictory to the definition's emphasis on "mandatory, government-enforced regulations" and applies more to large businesses than emerging or small businesses; however, Business.gov's current definition includes voluntary programs within scope of compliance assistance.